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PATENT



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TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME
FOR ANALYSIS WITH A BIOSENSOR

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action, mailed July 31, 2001 (Paper No. 11), please consider the following remarks and amendments. This amendment is timely filed on December 31, 2001, in view of the Petition for an extension of time for two months, up to and including December 31, 2001, enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as set forth below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11-18, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 19-28 as set forth below.

19. (New) A sample solution treating instrument comprising:

(a) a sample introducing part;

(b) a control means for converting a sample solution to a condition for

analysis by a biosensor that electrochemically measures a specific component in the sample solution;

and

(c) a sample releasing part;

wherein the instrument is adapted for use with a biosensor that electrochemically measures a specific component in a sample solution, but the instrument is not physically coupled to the biosensor.

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